

Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Foundation

Current Situation Report for February 16, 2010

Agricultural Preservation Districts		
District/Expansions	Farms	Acres
Approved 805	1,065	156,666
Pending 17	17	1,643
Farm Terminations	48	8,024
Totals 822	1,034	150,285
Farms Compliance Verifications January 2009 thru December 2009	481	88,757

Kent County Districts		
District/Expansions	Farms	Acres
Approved 400	518	80,650
Pending 9	9	734
Farm Terminations	14	3,433
Totals 409	513	77,951

New Castle County Districts		
District/Expansions	Farms	Acres
Approved 90	111	18,144
Pending 1	1	99
Farm Terminations	2	236
Totals 91	110	18,007

Sussex County Districts		
District/Expansions	Farms	Acres
Approved 315	436	57,872
Pending 7	7	810
Farm Terminations	32	4,355
Totals 322	411	54,327

Agricultural Easements			
	Farms	Acres	Cost
Settlements Final	562	93,629	\$157,668,929
Pending Round 14	2	306	\$465,212
Totals (See chart below County breakdown)	564	93,935	\$158,134,141

Averages Based on 562 Easements	
Easements Average Discount	52%
Average Farm Size	167 Acres
Average Payment to Landowner	\$280,550
Average Cost Per Acre	\$1,684

Agricultural Easements by County			
	Farms	Acres	Cost
Kent	287	51,948	\$74,154,875
New Castle	74	11,572	\$27,566,481
Sussex	203	30,415	\$56,412,785
Total	564	93,935	\$158,134,141

Source of Funds for the 564 Easements

* State Funds-	\$124,102,840
* Federal Funds-	\$ 23,900,786
* County Funds-	\$ 8,571,342
* ISTEAs Funds-	\$ 1,309,173
* Other Funds-	\$ 250,000
*Est. Settlement Costs-	\$ 4,026,576
*Est. Grand Total-	\$162,160,717

Properties by County - Applying to be Easements			
	Farms	Acres	Cost
Kent	72	5,456	\$63,549,413
New Castle	10	1,122	\$14,892,584
Sussex	71	8,228	\$88,195,328
Total	153	14,806	\$166,637,325

NOT SELECTED FROM ROUND 14 - 2009				Round 15 - 2010			Round 16 - 2011		
COUNTY	Farms	Acres	Development Rights Value	Farms	Acres	Estimated	Farms	Acres	Estimated
Kent County	40	3,448	\$ 44,450,713	22	1,533	\$15,483,300	10	475	\$4,625,400
New Castle County	6	777	\$ 9,717,584	4	345	\$5,175,000			
Sussex County	27	4,161	\$ 53,320,177	28	2,107	\$31,605,137	16	1,960	\$29,270,014
Totals	73	8,386	\$ 107,488,474	54	3,985	\$52,263,437	26	2,435	\$33,895,414

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Forestland Current Situation Report

As of February 16, 2010 Prepared By Robin West

Forestland Preservation Areas		
	Number of Properties	Acres
Approved	31	2,402
Pending	3	104
Total	34	2,506

Kent County Areas		
	Properties	Acres
Approved	15	1,044
Pending	2	52
Total	17	1,096

Sussex County Areas		
	Properties	Acres
Approved	16	1,358
Pending	1	52
Total	17	1,410

Forestland Preservation Areas Potential Easement Values Selected 2009			
County	Properties	Acres	Easement Value
Kent	4	304	\$407,203
Kent (Nature Conservancy)	1	123	\$210,074
Sussex	3	259	\$631,198
Sussex (Nature Conservancy)	1	185	\$202,329
Settlements Final	9	871	\$1,450,804